

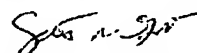
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In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Election of claims in response to restriction begins on page 2;

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Claim Status and Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.